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Representations from the handloom weavers of Vinukonda, Guntur district.

* 755 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation from the handloom weavers of Vinukonda, Guntur district, has been received by the Government requesting them for the assignment of the 470 acres of Koppukonda forest in Vinukonda taluk on the southern side of the Koppukonda tank for the purpose of cultivation by them; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"(*a*) & (*b*) No such representation has been received by the Government, Sir."

Probationers in the Co-operative department.

* 756 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the declaration of satisfactory completion of probation of the subordinates in the Co-operative department is abnormally delayed; and

(*b*) if so, the number of cases of delay for over one year in the cadres of Junior Inspectors, Senior Inspectors and Co-operative Sub-Registrars in the State?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—"(*a*) There were some delays prior to 1950 but there is no delay now, Sir.

"(*b*) There are at present, one case of Co-operative Sub-Registrar; 12 cases of Senior Inspectors; and 8 cases of Junior Inspectors, where satisfactory completion of probation has not been declared."

Local Fund Hospital at Vinukonda, Guntur district.

* 757 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASIVIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any representation has been received from the District Board, Guntur, asking the Government to take over the Local Fund Hospital at Vinukonda under the management of the Government and if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"The answer is in the negative."

Siddeswaram and Gandikota Projects.

* 758 *Q.*—SRI V. CHIDANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are plans and estimates ready for the execution of Siddeswaram and Gandikota Projects; and

(*b*) whether those projects will be preferred to the Nandikonda Project and if not, why?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) There is no project now by the name of Siddeswaram Project. If the Member refers to the Siddeswaram reservoir part of the Krishna-Pennar Project, the answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The whole question of utilisation of the waters of the Krishna and what schemes should be included in the integrated project to be included in the Five-Year Plan is being examined by the Planning Commission and its final decision is awaited."

Drinking-water wells in Wandiwash.

* 759 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any drinking-water wells were executed in Wandiwash since 1950 and if so, how many of them are now in good condition?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (1) No wells were sunk in Wandiwash Panchayat since 1950 by the Government; but 12 existing wells in the Panchayat area were deepened due to adverse seasonal conditions and they are in good condition.

" (2) One hundred and sixteen wells were sunk since 1950 in Wandiwash taluk under the Rural Water-Supply Scheme and 70 wells were deepened. All of them are in good condition."

Improvement to the Thalugai Bathirpettai Tank Irrigation in Musiri taluk.

* 760 *Q.*—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any representation made in 1947 to improve the Thalugai Bathirpettai Tank Irrigation in Musiri taluk in Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken to effect improvement to the tank?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No representation was received in 1947, but representations were received in 1946 and in 1950 for restoring 2 different tanks in the village.

" (*b*) The Government examined the cases in consultation with the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). It was found in the first case, viz., the Talugai tank, that it was not feasible, as the restoration of the tank would involve submersion of 100 acres of good paddy fields to benefit 160 acres of dry lands which were neither favourably situated nor were of promising quality. The petitioner was therefore informed accordingly. The restoration of the second tank (a private kuttai in S. No. 178) was also found not feasible since it involved the